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Ontario
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Natural
Resources

Vincent G. Kerrio
Minister



Superintendent's Message

Well you finally made it. Now you can sit back, relax, breathe in that country air, enjoy the sandy beaches, take in our visitor services program or go for that walk you have been promising yourself since you first decided to make your trip to Sharbot Lake Provincial Park.

But before you begin your R & R (rest and relaxation), I would personally like to welcome you to Sharbot Lake Provincial Park and ask that you let our friendly and helpful staff take care of you. We will endeavour to provide you with clean facilities and a quiet, pleasant outdoor experience.

At the park, we are continually trying to upgrade our facilities so you and your family or friends will have an enjoyable experience. If you have any comments, suggestions, etc. please write them on the back of your campsite permit, this will tell us if we are doing our job well

and how we can improve. I would also welcome the opportunity to speak with you in person either at the park office or while I'm walking through the park. I would like to hear your comments about the park or the story about "the big fish that got away" or "how your daughter/son is learning to swim".

I would also ask a few things from you, first please follow the park rules and remember to have respect for your fellow visitors and help us protect this beautiful park for our future generations. Remember to watch your children carefully around the water.

I hope you enjoy your stay and have a safe and happy summer.

The Park Superintendent



Doris Pacey (photo contest winner) gets big bear hug from Smokey

Photo Contest Update

In 1988, we held our first photo contest. To the staff's delight, it was a great success. You will see throughout the tabloid some of the contestants' photographs. The staff would like to thank all of those who entered. Although not everyone could be a winner, they should all take pride in contributing to this fun event.

A hearty thank you to all the sponsors who donated prizes, for without their support the contest would not have been possible. This contest helped update our photograph collection at the park.

Please note, if at anytime anyone would like to leave photos of their stay in the park, we would be happy to have them.

What You Had To Say...

"Periodic patrolling of the beach would be appreciated. Many younger children were unable to make use of the raft this week as it was dominated by about 10 very boisterous teenagers. Unfortunately our speaking to them did nothing but receive very rude responses. It certainly spoiled swimming for many.

Post a sign at the water pumps! NO WASHING."

"I am surprised at the amount of litter in the park. How about more talks on pollution re litter? Perhaps a contest where garbage bags are distributed to adults and children and the heaviest or longest bag of litter collected wins a prize. We have camped here for 12 years now and love it. It's time to make campers aware of how they are ruining the park with their garbage."

"Your park staff (as usual) has been courteous and helpful. Thanks for breakfast, the pancakes were "great", the entertainment was enjoyed by all (pancake juggling). Thanks for another great vacation."

"Enjoyed our holiday again this year. Two ideas to improve the park are: 1. Buy the large island on Sharbot Lake as a day use area. 2. Post a large, explicit sign re-

questing all dogs to be on a leash at the entrance to each nature trail."

"Everything was great. We will be back. Oh yeah. You need fish that will bite. STAFF extremely helpful and friendly."

"We will definitely come back — close to Ottawa, sites well spaced out, good canoeing and swimming — great for a short weekend trip. Walk-in site great — very private. Why don't you develop a few canoe-in sites?"

"Great park, well managed again this year. How about seasonal trailer storage for frequent users living 200 km or more from park? Saw hummingbirds this year. P.S. Thanks for Christmas card."

"Standard of all provincial parks we have visited so far is excellent. These parks make camping a pleasure. Thank you."

"Loved the park. Great for the kids. But, please put instructions up for the mystery showerhead button."

Your comments help us see things from the camper's point of view. New projects and facilities are often a result of your expressed needs. We appreciate them all — good or bad — so keep those comments coming!

Looking Back to the 1800s

Did you know this park was originally named Black Lake Provincial Park? Why not take a few minutes and explore with us some interesting historical information about the now called Sharbot Lake Provincial Park and the surrounding area.

Going back through time, we find in 1830 the village of Sharbot Lake was a small settlement consisting of a store and a few houses. The origin of the name Sharbot Lake is not completely known. There are various theories but local history suggests that Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sharbot who were of the Mohawk Indian tribe came and lived in the area during the summer of 1826 and thus gave it their surname. Transportation played an important role in helping the area grow. A colonization road was constructed in 1855 and the Kingston and Pembroke railway was completed by 1876; in addition the Toronto-Ottawa rail came through in the 1880s. Such transportation corridors allowed lumbering, mining and cheese produc-

tion to contribute to the development of the area.

Through time, the improvement of transportation helped make the back country more accessible and with this people came by train or their automobile to vacation in the area. Good fishing and beautiful scenery encouraged the tourism trade.

After the Trans Canada Highway #7 was built in 1930, the Department of Highways (now known as Ministry of Transportation & Communication) designated in this area, 3 hectares of land as a rest stop. It was transferred to the Department of Lands and Forests (now known as Ministry of Natural Resources) in 1956. This was the beginning of Sharbot Lake Provincial Park which was then known as Black Lake Provincial Park. The further purchase of private land combined with crown land allowed expansion. Camping and day use permits were first sold in 1957, but the official opening was not until May 10, 1960 by the Minister of Lands



The Village of Sharbot Lake as it was in 1830.

and Forests, the Honourable Mr. Spooner. At this time, the Sharbot Lake ridge view campsites were being developed and were opened in the 1960s.

As the park expanded further onto the Sharbot Lake shoreline, the park adopted the local community's name. The park name was changed to Sharbot Lake Provincial Park in 1972 making it easier for tourists to identify and locate.

Today's park visitors still enjoy the same beautiful scenery and excellent fishing that drew the first settlers here in the 1800s.



All that fresh air sure builds up an appetite — but we managed to feed one and all at our annual pancake breakfast

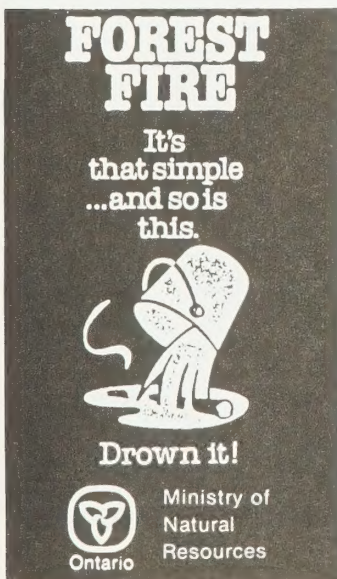
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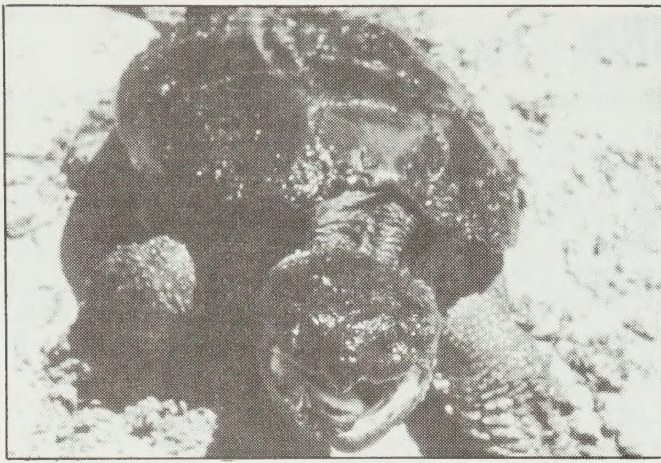
While all the campers are still snuggled in their sleeping bags, little do they know what is taking place in the maintenance building in Sharbot Lake Provincial Park. There is a flurry of activity down there as one after another the park staff appear with all their appliances, ready for another Pancake Breakfast. But this is no ordinary Pancake Breakfast because before they are finished they will have cooked breakfast for over 200 happy campers. The activity increases as 7:30 a.m. approaches and the grills are started, the first pancakes flipped. Suddenly its 7:50 a.m. and the first campers have arrived — early.

Suddenly there is a huge line-up, we can't get the pancakes cooked fast enough. Four electric grills and one huge propane grill just spitting out pancakes and still the line grows longer. Jeff needs more syrup and melted butter. What — no more coffee, it's on the way. We kick into overdrive as we rush around making more pancake batter, melting more butter and wishing that the coffee would brew just a little bit faster.

Wait, is that a lull in the line-up, no, it's just the Assistant Superintendent and Park Warden wishing it was. All of a sudden it's 9:30 a.m. and still we are not finished, the line doesn't seem to be getting smaller and the coffee and syrup are precariously close to being gone but we manage to have just enough. Finally, we sit down to polish off the leftovers and another pancake breakfast is over. 250 happy campers wander back to their campsites with full tummies wondering when the next Pancake Breakfast will be. The Pancake Breakfast is an annual event here at Sharbot Lake Provincial Park. Held in late July or early August, it provides you, the camper, with an opportunity to come out and meet the Park staff — not to mention the wonderful breakfast that is provided. What better way to start your weekend.

Watch for posters throughout the park advertising the location and time, or inquire at the park office. So come on out and have a great time and a great breakfast.





Yes, I am a snapping turtle so...look, but don't touch!

Attention Walleye Anglers

Black Lake has been stocked with hatchery reared **walleye** (pickerel) since 1977. Young-of-the-year, juveniles and adult walleye have all been stocked in this lake.

The walleye stocking assessment program involves planting and studying these fish in lakes that have 'native' walleye populations. When anglers and our assessment crews capture walleye, there are two important questions that must be answered.

- 1) How **old** is the fish?
- 2) Is it a '**native**' or '**stocked**' fish?

Otoliths provide the answers. Located in the inner ear of the head, these tiny bones are part of the balance system of fish. These calcified structures allow the interpreter to calculate the **age** of the fish, even to the number of days. Most of the walleye in Black Lake have also been **fin clipped** (pectoral or pelvic) to assist in identifying the correct age of the fish. The fish's origin can also be determined from the otolith. Examination of an otolith under a high powered microscope reveals a distinctive marking or **check** in the pattern of rings in hatchery reared fish.

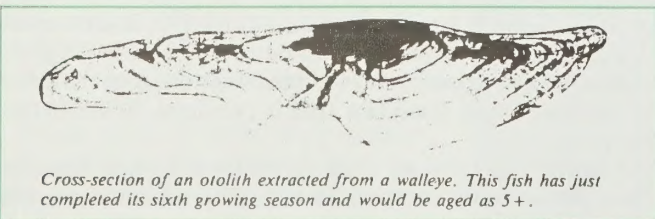
The walleye in Black Lake are older and larger than in our experimental study lakes, and it is yet unclear how distinctive this check is in older fish.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you catch a **walleye** from Black Lake you can help with the management of this fishery by allowing the park staff at Sharbot Lake Provincial Park to measure and weigh your fish. Saving the **head** of the walleye and turning it into the Park Office will also provide us with valuable information required to properly determine the success of walleye stocking.

For more information please contact:

Daryl E. Seip, Walleye Stocking Assessment Biologist
White Lake Fish Culture Station
R.R. #2, Sharbot Lake, Ontario K0H 2P0
(613) 335-2130



Cross-section of an otolith extracted from a walleye. This fish has just completed its sixth growing season and would be aged as 5+.

Have you taken the Discovery Trail?

This one kilometer hike is a relaxing walk for some, for others it is a challenge and for all it is a voyage of discovery.

Located in the Ridge Campground, the Discovery Trail is just one of the two hiking trails you'll find in the park.

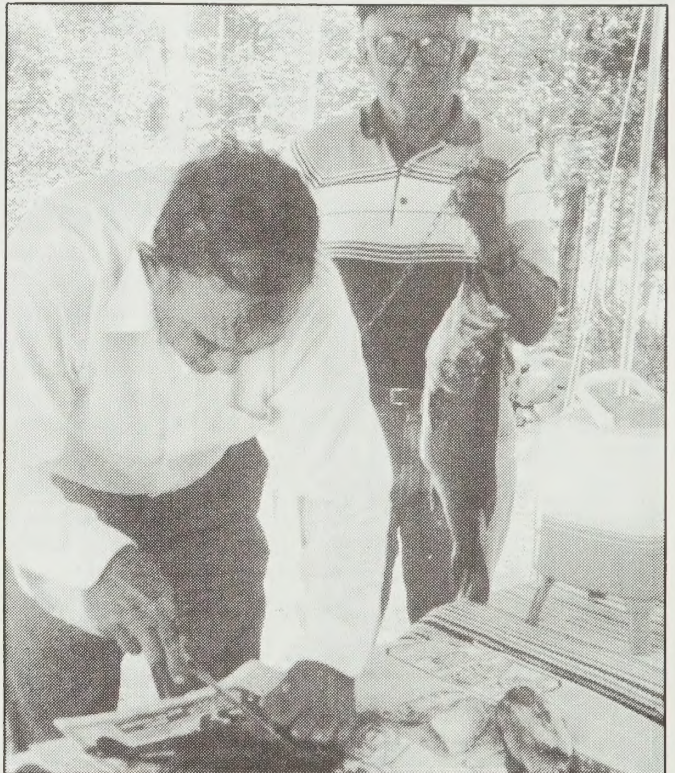
As you walk the Discovery Trail look closely, you may see a red headed woodpecker or a pileated woodpecker. Step quietly and if you're lucky you may catch a glimpse of a chipmunk or squirrel gathering seeds and nuts.

Can you tell the difference between the white pine and the red pine? Or how about the cedar and hemlock? As you approach the marshy area look down to your left. Look closely — do you see a really large maple leaf, perhaps the size of your outstretched hand, find it? Now look really closely at the trunk — do you see light green stripes? If you do, you're looking at a striped maple, sometimes called a moose maple. What about the different ferns — can you identify four different ferns by their leaf arrangement?

Helpful Tips:

When walking the Discovery Trail or any other trail the clothing you wear is extremely important. Always wear loose, comfortable clothing in which you have lots of movement. Don't layer your clothing, if you have a chill, put on a light windbreaker. Wear good, sturdy but comfortable walking shoes. Always carry a small knapsack that will hold an extra coat, extra socks, a First Aid Kit and some food for snacks. Don't forget your camera, take your time and enjoy yourself!

Your Park Staff



Charles Zechiel shown filleting bass while Warren Hilfiker shows off big catch of the day. Photo compliments of Mario Zechiel of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

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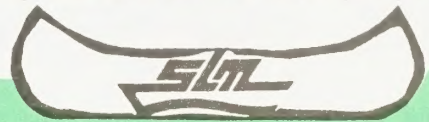


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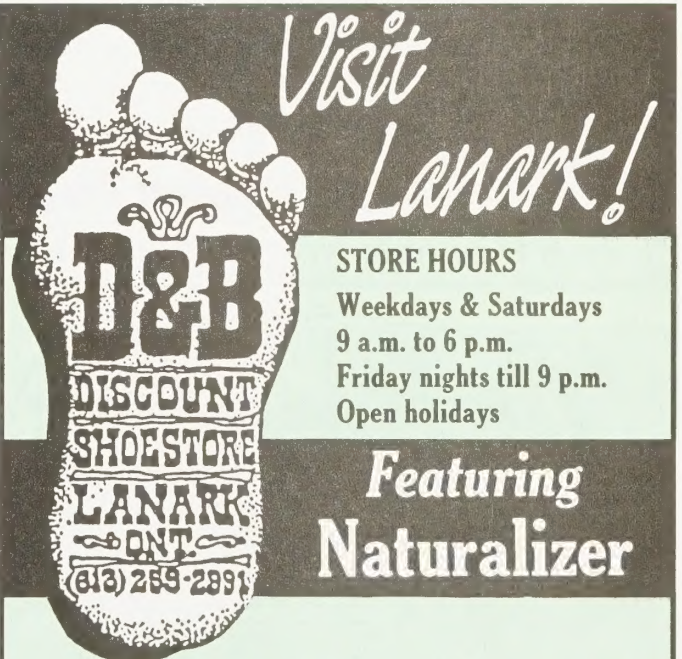
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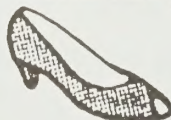
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“Hey Dad look what we found!”

Photo by Mr. Doug Kennedy

Fishing...The Best of Two Lakes

Sharbot Lake Provincial Park is situated on two lakes, Black Lake and Sharbot Lake. Both lakes offer excellent opportunities for fishermen to try their luck. Black and Sharbot Lake both have active stocking programs going on, with Black stocked yearly with walleye and Sharbot stocked yearly with lake trout.

Along with walleye, Black Lake also has smallmouth bass, pike and a variety of panfish. The best time to catch a Black Lake walleye is around sunset, where trolling the shoals and points on the lake has proven to be very effective.

Sharbot Lake holds the same species of fish as Black Lake with the addition of lake trout. For early season lake trout, a feathered spinner

or a spinner minnow combination are good items to try. Sub-surface artificial minnows also work well. As the water warms, lake trout go deeper. As they may go down over 100 feet the use of down-riggers, steel line or lead-core line may be necessary to get deep enough. Trolling of a large silver or copper spoon seems to work best at these depths. By trolling, you cover more territory and stand a better chance of catching that prized trout.

Remember! The law now requires all Ontario residents, aged 18-64, to be in possession of a valid Ontario Residents sport fishing licence while fishing in our park or anywhere in the province of Ontario.

Good Luck!

Special Events and Films

Throughout the summer our visitor services program hosts several special events as well as Saturday evening films. The films commence at dusk and last approximately one hour. The special events may include the Ministry of Environment's Environmental Explorations, the Red Cross water safety program, and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority who provide an interesting nature program. Each summer, we are fortunate in having the ever-popular Smokey Bear visit us to promote Fire Prevention. One of the staff's favourite events is our annual pancake breakfast, the staff do the cooking and our campers get the free samples.

For more information on the Park's Visitor Services Program, just watch for posters on the bulletin boards located throughout the park, detailing time, location and event or inquire at the park office.

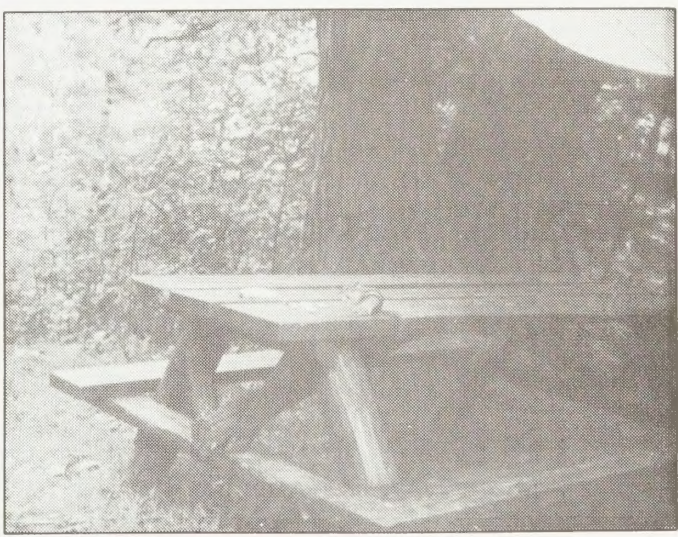
Can you Solve the Hidden Message?

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Hidden in these squares is a secret message. To find it, start with the letter "H" and follow from one letter to the next.

You can only move sideways, up or down and don't reuse any letters.








The secret message is "HAVE A GREAT SUMMER"



“Welcomed Visitor” by Chaela Heaton, 12-year-old winner of the children's photo contest

Sharbot Lake Provincial Park

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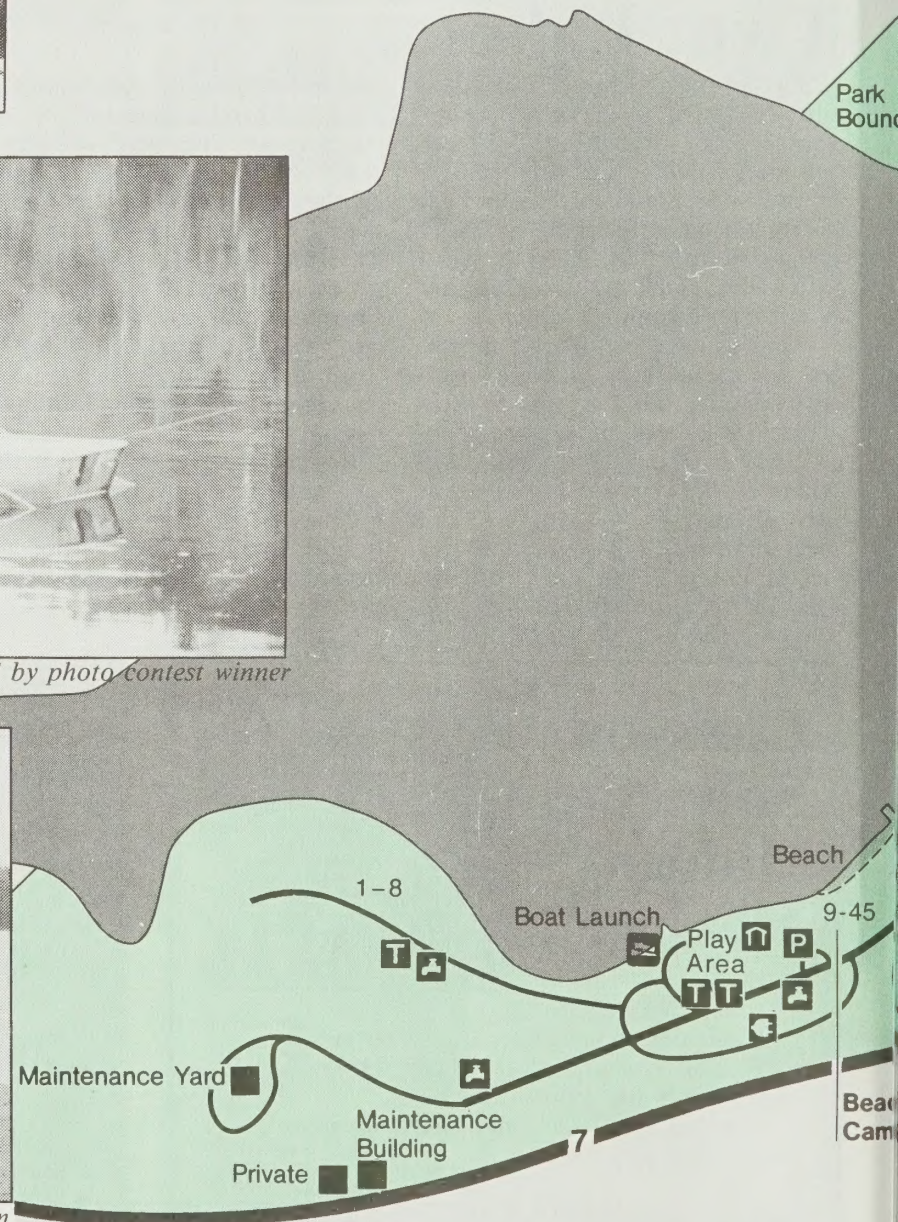
Mom and Dad treat kids to a canoe ride.



Looks like a perfect spot to fish — good luck! by photo contest winner Mr. Doug Kennedy

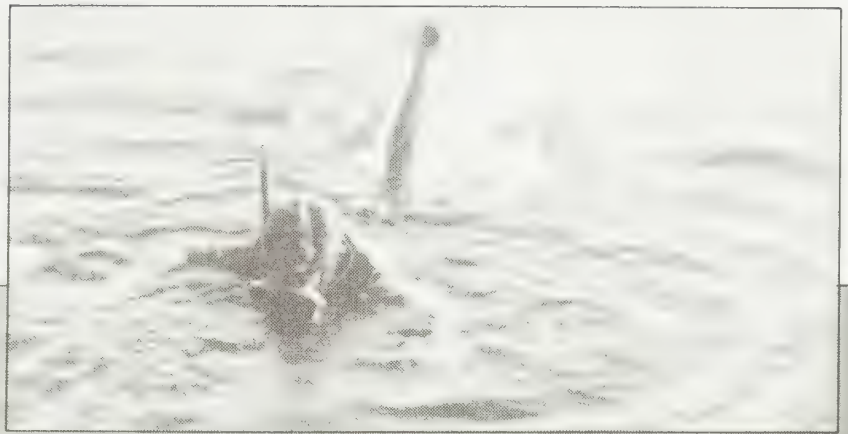


Eric Stewart stopped by the peer to watch children fishing off the dock on his handy touring chair.

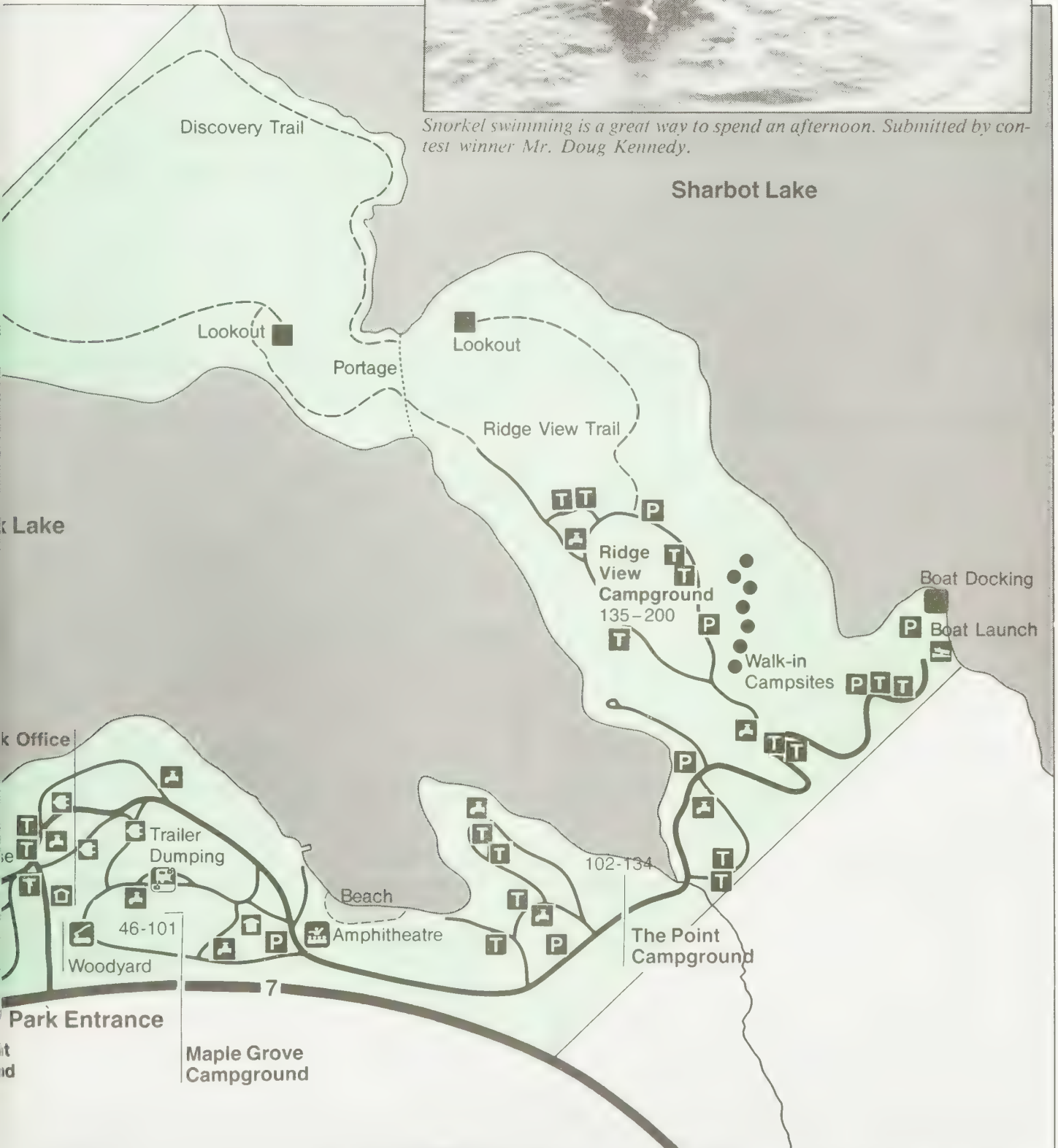


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- Boat Launch
- Wood Yard
- Trailer Dumping Station



Snorkel swimming is a great way to spend an afternoon. Submitted by contest winner Mr. Doug Kennedy.



Water Safety is Your Responsibility

Each year 1300 Canadians die in water related accidents. Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in Canada. In almost half of the fatalities, alcohol or drugs are involved and most drownings occur in the 15-24 year age group. In most cases this tragedy is preventable.

Ontario's provincial parks offer some of the finest beaches in the province. Each year 7.5 million visitors travel to these parks and over 60 per cent of the park visitors go swimming. Most beaches in Provincial Parks are not patrolled (no lifeguards) and this is clearly marked upon entry to the beach area. Beach areas are usually gently sloping and free of underwater hazards, providing the safest conditions possible for swimmers.

According to Art Holder, Regional Director for the Central Region of the Ministry of Natural Resources, beaches in provincial parks are very safe but drownings can occur if park visitors are careless. "Inadequate supervision of small children, misuse of inflatable rafts, excessive alcohol consumption and horse play can lead to a serious accident or drowning," says Mr. Holder.

So what precautions can you take to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday? Here are some tips from the Royal Life Saving Society Canada, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to preventing accidents and saving life in an aquatic environment.

- never swim alone, use the buddy system.
- parents must carefully supervise small children and non-swimmers. This means watching children every second they are in the water. Why not swim with them?
- stay within marked swimming areas. Wade out and swim in towards the shoreline.
- use inflatable rafts or toys in shallow water areas only.
- excessive consumption of alcohol impairs judgement and is a dangerous combination with swimming.
- if travelling in a boat or canoe wear your life jacket.
- learn to swim; swimming lessons are offered through the Canadian Red Cross Society, the YMCA, your local pool or your recreation department.

For more information on the Royal Life Saving Society Canada and water safety programs please write to:

The Royal Life Saving Society Canada
43 Coldwater Road
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RESCUE BREATHING: 6 BASIC STEPS

1 **Shake and shout gently.**
Shake the person to see if he is conscious. Ask, "Are you OK?" If there is no response:

2 **Call for help and tilt the head back gently.** Lift the chin to open the airway.

3 **Look, listen & feel.** Look at the chest to see if it is rising and falling. Listen for the sound of breathing. Feel for air escaping the mouth with your hand or cheek. If you cannot see, hear or feel breathing:



4 **Pinch the nose and make a seal with your mouth on the victim's mouth and give two full breaths.**



5 **Turn your head and look, listen and feel.**



6 **Give a breath every 5 seconds.** Continue until someone takes over from you.



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QUESTIONS

- 1** A female fox is called a _____.
- 2** Seals are an endangered species. True or false?
- 3** An omnivore is a) an animal that eats both plants and animals; or b) another word for herbivore.

ANSWER 1 vixen 2 false 3 a

QUESTIONS

- 1** The young of beaver are called _____.
- 2** The process of putting live fish in a water body is called a) fishing; or b) fish stocking.
- 3** Dead parts of plants and animals are brought deeper into the soil by earthworms. True or false?

ANSWER 1 kits 2 b 3 true

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Learn the
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Forest Tent Caterpillar

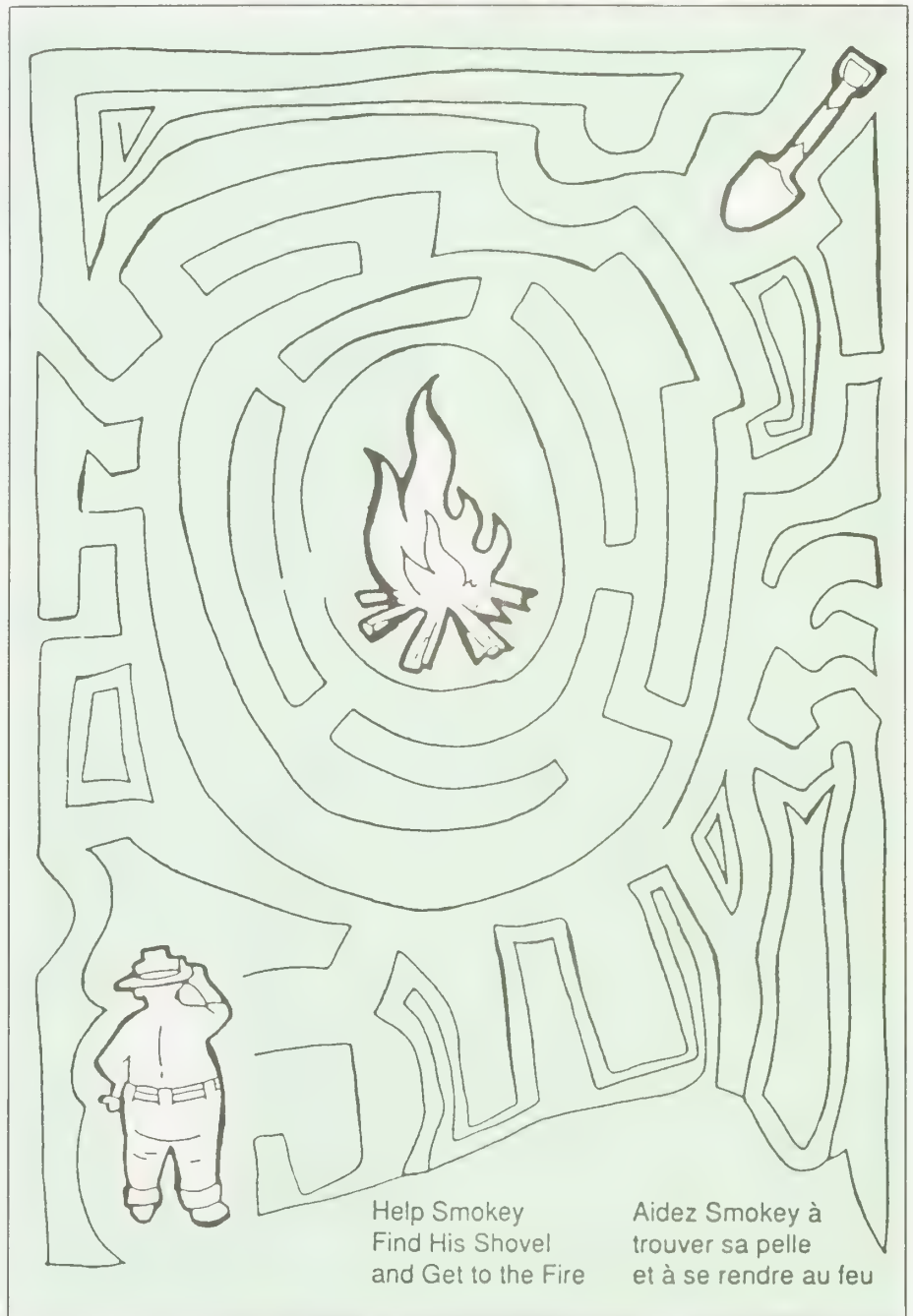
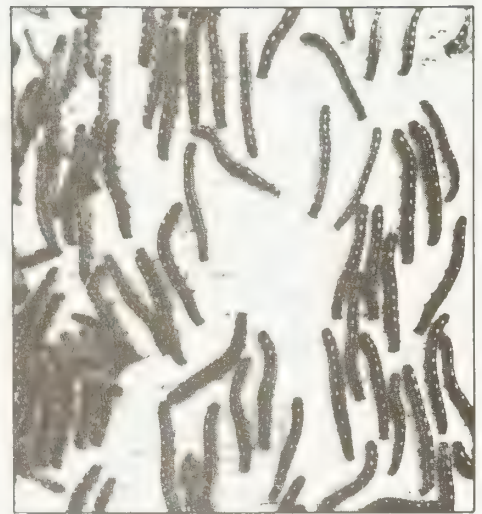
At roughly 10-year intervals hordes of migrating caterpillars make their appearance in various parts of Ontario. They are particularly prominent near forests containing sugar maple and oak in the south, and poplar in the north. Although they are called tent caterpillars they do not build silk tents.

About the time that poplar leaves become visible, the tiny caterpillars emerge from the egg clusters that were laid the previous summer on small twigs on host trees. Feeding is not noticeable at first because the leaves are expanding rapidly. Later, however, as the larvae approach full size (3.5 cm), they eat much more, and may consume most of the leaves on the tree. At this time, usually mid-June, the black and blue-to-gray caterpillars wander a great deal and become a real nuisance. When they stop feeding they spin silken cocoons in any convenient place on trees and buildings, then change to moths in about two weeks. Following mating, the light brown moths lay approximately 150 eggs in bands encircling tree twigs.

Even if the caterpillars eat all the leaves on a tree it does not mean that the tree will die. If all leaves

are eaten the tree will put out a new crop in four to six weeks. However, widespread epidemics lasting two or three years can be a significant factor in the eventual decline and possible death of the trees, especially maple or oak. In fact, in a sugar bush, one year's defoliation may reduce sap production in the next year.

For more information on the Forest Tent Caterpillar please call or write your nearest Ministry of Natural Resources Office.



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FIND THE WORDS BELOW HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE

ANIMALS
CAREFUL
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SAFETY
SHOVEL
SMOKEY
TREES

THE REMAINING LETTERS GIVE YOU
SMOKEY'S MESSAGE

Help Smokey
Find His Shovel
and Get to the Fire

Aidez Smokey à
trouver sa pelle
et à se rendre au feu

Lightning Bugs... a touch of magic?

You may have noticed odd, tiny flashes of light in the bushes at night. For you "Enquirer" readers, they are not miniature UFOs — they are lightning bugs, also known as fire flies or glowbugs.

There are several different species of Lightning bugs all belonging to the family "Lampyridae". Lampyrids have the special ability to **flash** their lights, where as other luminescent insects (such as the glow worm), glow continuously.

The larvae of lightning bugs live on the ground under bark and in moist places. Adult bugs are 5-20 mm long, usually brown to blackish colour and may have yellow or orange markings. They commonly feed on other small bugs and snails.

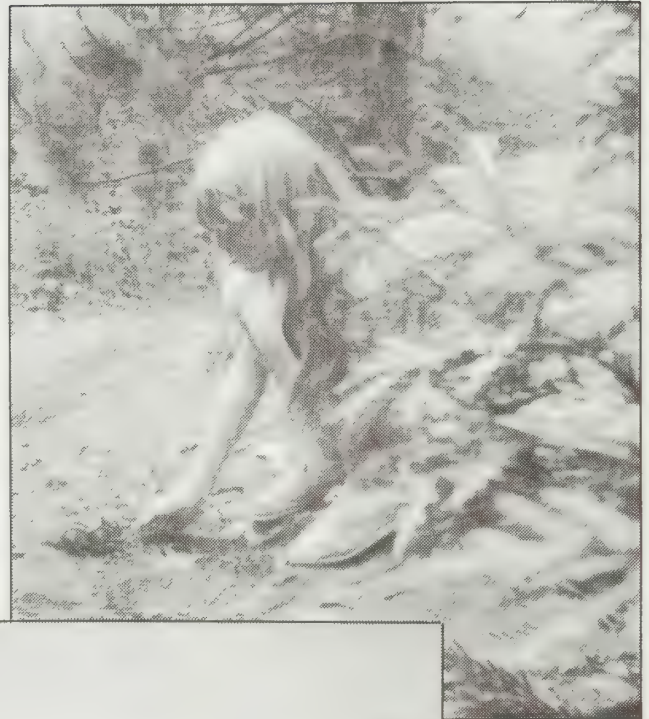
Lightning bugs are able to flash light because of special light-producing organs in their abdomen.

Flashing their lights enables different sexes to find each other. Different species of lightning bugs differ in the rhythm of their flashes.

Lightning bugs are unique in their ability to produce a flashing light. Watch for their flashing signals on warm summer nights — you'll feel a touch of magic in the air.

by Jean Steele

"Patience Rewarded"
winning photo by Mrs.
Janice Heaton of her
daughter feeding a
chipmunk.



*Sunrise on Black Lake — submitted by contest winner
Brenda Foy*

+ First Aid and Emergencies

First Aid Kits for the treatment of minor cuts and scrapes are located in park offices and park vehicles. Trained staff can provide basic First Aid assistance and put you in touch with professional care.

The park emergency phone connects directly to the park office and is located at the west beach near the amphitheatre. A public pay phone is located at the camp store across from the park on Hwy. #7.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Ambulance 1-800-267-0991 or
dial 0 and ask for Zenith 90,000
Rescue Unit (Paramedics)..... 279-2123
Sharbot Lake Medical Centre..... 279-2100
(15 minutes east on Hwy. #7, right onto Hwy. #38)
Perth Hospital..... 267-1500 (30 minutes away)
Ontario Provincial Police..... 279-2195 or Zenith 50,000
Poison Control Centre..... 1-800-267-1373

Raccoons

To prevent raccoons from raiding your campsite you should follow these precautions:

- store all food in your car at night and place garbage bags in the bins along the road, coolers are usually not enough protection from an experienced coon
- keep your campsite free of garbage
- never feed a wild animal



Campfire Story

This is an Indian story about how the "Big Dipper," (Big Bear or Ursa Major) constellation was formed.

If you listen carefully, and really pay attention, you will also learn why bears eat nuts and berries instead of people and the origin of the North Star (hint: it is the white bear's nose).

As we all know, Big Bear has a large appetite. At one time, all she would eat was people because she thought they were the best tasting meal. The Great Spirit warned her that she had better stop eating all the people, but she wouldn't listen.

To punish her, the Great Spirit changed Big Bear into a Little Squirrel, then asked her "what will you eat now?" Little Squirrel shouted "people!"

The Great Spirit said, "Oh no, you're too little now. You will have to eat berries and nuts".

After Little Squirrel had tasted the fruits of the forest she didn't want to eat anything else. Now that she no longer wanted to eat people, she felt very friendly toward them. She would follow them through the forest, listening to their conversations and



chattering back at them. It was in this way that she learned the people were starving. Spring was two months late and the people couldn't find enough food. Little Squirrel questioned all the animals about why spring was late and found out that an Evil Spirit was holding all the spring birds captive in a cave to keep spring from coming.

Little Squirrel rushed to the cave, but she was dismayed when she saw that the White Bear of the North was guarding the cave while the Evil Spirit slept. However, she called out in her sweetest voice "Uncle Bear, Uncle Bear". The White Bear was very confused because he couldn't see her hiding in the tree and he said, "who's there? Who's calling me?" Little Squirrel said, "You mean you can't see me, Uncle Bear? Your eyesight must be very bad". White Bear replied "Yes, it's true, I don't see very well". Little Squirrel said, "close your eyes and I will give you something to cure your eyesight," then she gathered some pine gum and stuck White Bear's eyelids closed. She quickly ran into the cave and set the birds free.

The Evil Manitou awoke when he heard the birds singing the Song of Spring. He rushed out in time to see Little Squirrel leaving the cave and started chasing her through the forest. She leaped nimbly from tree to tree with the Evil Spirit close behind her, White Bear followed as well as he could while rubbing the gum from his eyes. Little Squirrel became frightened when she saw the end of the forest coming closer, because she knew there would be no shield from the Evil Spirit's arrows, once she was out of the trees. So, when she got to the last tree in the forest she jumped high into the world above. The Evil Spirit shot an arrow and pinned her, by her tail, to the sky. Little Squirrel changed back into Big Bear, but she stayed in the night sky forever. Above her you will also see the White Bear where the Evil Spirit threw him, still rubbing his eyes.

Park Rules and Regulations

Protecting You & Your Park

We want your stay at Sharbot Lake Provincial Park to be as safe and enjoyable as possible. Please follow this basic rule when visiting Ontario Provincial Parks: have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment.

Loud Noise — Disturbing Other Persons

Be considerate. Please keep the volume of your music and your voices, to a reasonable level. Interfering with anyone else's enjoyment of a park, day or night, is not only inconsiderate — it is also contrary to park regulations.

Alcoholic Beverages

Drinking, or the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage is permitted only on a registered campsite.

Park Resources

They're yours to enjoy, so help us protect them. Our parks are full of interesting and precious vegetation, wildlife, natural earth features and archaeological/historical sites. Remember, it is against the law to remove or destroy anything in a Provincial Park.

Camping and Vehicle Permits

Please remember that you must have a valid permit to camp or to use your vehicle in a Provincial Park.

Unlicensed Motor Vehicles, All-Terrain Vehicles

ATVs, off-road motorcycles or any other unlicensed vehicles may be operated only in an area designated for that purpose by the Superintendent.

Bicycles

May be operated on roads only.

Parking

Vehicles may be parked only in areas provided for that purpose.

Check-Out Time

Check-out time is 2 p.m. on the day of your departure. You must vacate your site by that time.

Length of Stay

Except with the permission of the Superintendent, the maximum length of stay in a Provincial Park is 23 days in a year.

Pets

All pets must be kept under control and on a leash, two metres or less in length, and are not allowed in swimming areas or on any beach.

Campfires

Fires are permitted in fireplaces only. PLEASE be careful with fires, at all times.

Hours of Closing

Only registered campers may remain in a Provincial Park during the posted hours of closing — 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Number of People per Site

A maximum of six persons or one family unit is permitted on each campsite.

Refuse

Please have regard for the condition of your campsite. Deposit all your garbage and litter in the containers provided and leave your campsite in a clean and natural state.

Fireworks

Possession or use of fireworks in any Provincial Park is prohibited at all times.

Firearms

Firearms are not permitted in Provincial Parks, except by regulation.

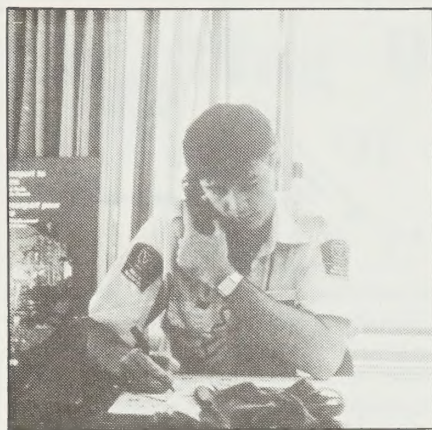
Boating, Waterskiing

Act safely and in accordance with the regulations when boating or waterskiing.

Leaving Vehicles or Boats Unattended

You may not leave your vehicle or boat unattended in a Provincial Park, except in areas designated for that purpose or by permission of the Park Superintendent.

Please note that this is a summary only, and not a complete list of all the regulations which apply in Ontario's Provincial Parks. Park Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Park Wardens and Conservation Officers have all the power and authority of an Ontario Provincial Police Officer in a Provincial Park. You are invited to examine copies of the Provincial Parks Act and other legislation listing all the laws that apply in Provincial Parks at the Park Office. The penalty for violation of the laws may be eviction from the Park or a fine imposed by the Court or both.



Please feel free to speak with our friendly park staff — they're here to make sure your stay is a pleasant and rewarding one.

What is there to see and do?

If you are looking for something to do in the Sharbot Lake area, you may consider hopping in your car and going for a pleasant drive. If you are looking for a scenic route where you may come across quaint country stores then just ask any staff member for directions; you will be pleasantly surprised at how beautiful the area is all around us.

Does it look like rain? Well it's only a 50-minute drive to Kingston, where you can treat the family to a movie, dinner or shopping. How about museums or Old Fort Henry, well worth the trip.

We also have summerfest activities, local fairs, church bazaars just to name a few fun and interesting events.

For more information about local church services and to get an update on what's happening in the local area, check with our park office, our staff will be pleased to assist you.

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For Your Information

Choosing your campsite: Campers without a reservation are given a campground map and proceed into the park to choose a vacant site. Leave your equipment on your selected site and return to the park office to register. Vacant sites posted with an "R" may be available — but you must check with the park office before you set up — it may already be committed under the reservation system.



Reservations

Our reservation service is an easy and convenient means of ensuring a campsite is available when you arrive at the park. Payment for all reservations must be guaranteed in advance by Visa/Mastercard, cheque, cash or money order.



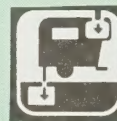
At the Beach

Parents! Children are your responsibility in a Provincial Park. Sharbot Lake does not provide lifeguards. Use the buddy system and never swim alone. Please note that dogs and pets are not allowed on the beaches.



Campfires and Firewood

Every campsite has a fireplace and wood can be purchased from a private concession in the park. Please do not cut trees or use dead limbs — they are habitat for wildlife. The woodyard is located by the park office. Hours of opening and costs will be posted at the woodyard.



Garbage Disposal and Trailer Wastes

Please deposit your garbage in the refuse boxes located throughout the park. Garbage bags are available at the park office.



Trailer sewage may be dumped at the sanitation station located between the comfort station and the park office. To ensure that trailer wastes do not spoil sites for other campers, we ask that you dump the contents of your sink at any vault toilet, comfort station or at the trailer sanitary station.



Drinking Water, Washrooms, Showers and Laundry

Taps for drinking water are located throughout the campgrounds, you'll find one within easy walking distance of your campsite.



In addition to numerous vault toilets, there is one comfort station located in Maple Grove Campground. The comfort station has hot water, showers, flush toilets, and electrical outlets. Beside the comfort station we have a washer and dryer, which are operated at a reasonable fee.



Groceries and Supplies

Most goods and services can be obtained at Sharbot Lake, eight kilometres east of the park on Hwy. #38. The Village of Sharbot Lake provides a grocery store, hardware store, gift and souvenir stores, bank, post office, live bait, fishing licences, accommodations and marina. Just three kilometres east of the park there are gas stations and garages, propane, convenience store, restaurants, liquor and beer stores. Across from the park along Hwy. #7 there is a small store with canoe and boat rentals.



Messages:

Campers' messages can be posted on the bulletin board at the Gatehouse. Park staff will deliver urgent telephone messages to your campsite.

A public telephone is located at the store across from the park.

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